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TO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY

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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT:TREATY IMPLEMENTATION: ROLE OF THE AMBASSADOR

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED MOST RECENT DOD PROPOSAL REGARDING SUBJECT. OUR STRONG IMPRESSION IS THAT IT FAILS TO MEET DEPARTMENT'S OBJECTIVES RESPECTING TREATY IMPLEMENTATION.

2. TEXT OF LATEST DOD PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD BE ADDED TO THE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING LEGISLATION, IS AS FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE. SECTION 102. AUTHORITY OF AMBASSADOR.

TO CARRY OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16  
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OF THE ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE BASIC AUTHORITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE," APPROVED AUGUST 1, 1956 (22 U.S.C. S2680A) --

(1) THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO PANAMA SHALL HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DIRECTION, COORDINATION AND SUPERVISION OF ALL UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES IN

THAT COUNTRY AS PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 16 OF THAT ACT,  
EXCEPT FOR PERSONNEL UNDER THE COMMAND OF A UNITED STATES

AREA MILITARY COMMANDER AND THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA  
CANAL COMMISSION AND EMPLOYEES WORKING UNDER HIS SUPER-  
VISION.

(2) TO INSURE THAT OUR NATIONAL POLICIES IN THE REPUBLIC OF  
PANAMA ARE EFFECTIVELY CARRIED OUT THE UNITED STATES  
AMBASSADOR, THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE PANAMA CANAL COMMIS-  
SION, THE AREA MILITARY COMMANDER, AS WELL AS THE CHIEFS OF  
MISSION ACCREDITED TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, WILL  
KEEP EACH OTHER CURRENTLY INFORMED AND COOPERATE ON MATTERS  
OF MUTUAL INTEREST TO INCLUDE MATTERS RELATING TO THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY OF 1977 AND  
RELATED AGREEMENTS.

(3) THE AMBASSADOR SHALL HAVE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE  
COORDINATION OF THE TRANSFER TO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA OF  
THOSE GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTIONS THAT ARE TO BE ASSUMED BY THE  
REPUBLIC OF PANAMA PURSUANT TO THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY OF  
1977 AND RELATED AGREEMENTS. END QUOTE.

3. WE PLAN TO GIVE OUR VIEWS TO DOD/ISA AGAIN ON OR ABOUT  
MARCH 16. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR OBSERVATIONS ON THE DOD  
PROPOSAL BY EARLY NEXT WEEK. VANCE  
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